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Southern California Edison (SCE) provides electricity to more than 5,000 large and 280,000 small businesses. When SCE plans upgrades or performs routine maintenance on their system, they notify business owners that a "Planned Outage" will interrupt service. SCE controls when "Planned Outages" occur yet they fail to work with business owners on mitigation measures and do not provide adequate notice so that business owners can prepare. This is especially true for businesses involved in manufacturing and cold storage that are energy intensive and are left scrambling for back-up power generators. At a time when businesses are fleeing the state, we cannot have the largest energy provider disrupting business operations with no regard for the financial impacts their decisions have on businesses.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors send a five signature letter to the Public Utilities Commission requesting that they develop regulations that require utilities to work closely with business owners to mitigate impacts during upgrades and routine maintenance. This includes an earlier notification requirement and scheduling "Planned Outages" that don't conflict with normal business hours.

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